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NEWS BULLETIN AND PRICE LIST
SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, FALL, 1941



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PRICES

We have not raised our prices. Hope we will not have to.

We have raised wages. Everybody who sells us supplies has raised prices on us. Our best truck has been in the repair shop for 60 days because priorities are withholding the necessary parts. This caused expensive hiring.

We are hoping we will get enough more business to make up for these troubles. Here are two of the reasons why:

"Red Bank, N. J., Oct. 8, 1941 — On April 17, 1939, we bought two chestnut trees from you which are bearing fruit this year, and we like them very much. We would like to obtain more."

Another customers writes, 9/27/41, Hancock, Md. — "One of my greatest joys was to pick up five chestnuts under your Chinese chestnut tree; a squirrel beat me to three nuts."

THE THRILL OF GATHERING NUTS

I understand very fully the thrill of these two middle aged professional men at picking up chestnuts. Ripening chestnuts are beautiful things. It thrills me to walk through the nursery in September and October and see the glossy brown nuts peeping out of the opening burrs with here and there a shiny gleam coming up from the ground.

My satisfaction at this has no relation to such earthly matters as eating. Nut trees are fun, as well as beauty, interest and food supply.

I gave two seedling trees to one of my suburban neighbors some years ago. Now you would almost think he was a bantam rooster to hear him crowing about the chestnuts that he gets. He has a lot of fun giving nuts to his friends. And incidentally he sends his friends to me to buy trees so that they may join the group of the sentimentally elect.

PLEASE ORDER EARLY

Business was brisk last spring and some lines were sold out entirely. In some varieties we have but few trees to sell. They will be given to those persons who order them first.

We may reprint the price list at any time, omitting the lines that are sold out. Therefore the advantage of early ordering should be apparent.

We especially urge those persons who wish to buy trees with a ball of earth to get their orders in in the fall and as early in the fall as they can.

We never can tell what is ahead of us in the matter of weather, to say nothing of the war. Last spring, for example, winter sat on us with heavy snow until the middle of March. The weather man turned on August with temperature of 80° April 12. Thus we had a one month satisfactory shipping season rather than two.

Next spring the war industries may have taken our labor away so that we simply could not handle orders for fifty or a hundred trees with ball of earth as we did last spring.

Trees with ball of earth can be planted in the autumn a hundred miles further north than is safe for bare root trees.

NOTE—So far as we know everything that we sell except mulberry has better chance of yielding if it has a partner of same species and different variety to pollenate the blossoms—except that black walnut will pollenate English walnut.

1 CHINESE CHESTNUTS TO THE FORE. Each year that I experiment with Chinese Chestnuts my opinion of them rises. Chestnuts are certainly the most productive of all nut trees. They are also the most precocious. Each of the other nut trees has its especial merits but in these two the chestnuts lead. The parent trees from which we propagate are the carefully selected best out of many thousands of seedling trees. They will bear as soon as apples or peaches. Occasionally one bears the year it is set out. And as to quality, the very conservative Mr. C. A. Reed, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, has said this:

"The best of the Chinese chestnuts are without peers among known chestnuts from any part of the world. They are large as average European chestnuts which appear on vendors' stands from November to mid-winter. They are as sweet as were the best natives. When in the right stage of maturing, the pellicle of the kernel usually clings to the shell when the kernel is being extracted."

We have been surprised to learn that our "Carr" Chinese Chestnuts have survived the winter near Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is in Zone 1 of our Map p. 7 of catalogue. This suggests that it is wise to experiment with Chinese chestnuts in Zones II and III.

We are offering four varieties of Chinese chestnuts. We have not yet had time to find out if one is better than another. Zimmerman is the most erect.

CHINESE CHESTNUT TREES THAT HAVE RIPENED NUTS

If you are in a hurry for nuts you can get chestnut trees that already have ripened some nuts. A number of chestnut trees, 5-6 feet, 6-7 feet, 7-8 feet, 8-9 feet, have matured a crop of nuts. These trees have been carefully marked. If you want some of these proved trees add \$1.00 to the list price. If you take it with ball of earth you will have nuts in a hurry. Remember you need two kinds for pollination. No extra charge for trees over 8 feet that have borne nuts.

2 AMERICAN PERSIMMON. The flavor of this fruit is unexcelled and those who know it love it. The trees are pleasing features of a lawn and may be expected to do well on all but the higher elevations south of the line Boston—Albany—Buffalo. A tree that holds ripe fruit for a month or six weeks is an interesting and useful citizen of your yard.

If there is any streak of experimentation in you try some of these interesting trees.

Early Golden. Has ripened fruit some seasons September 25 at Round Hill, Virginia, elevation 1350 ft. There had been no frost.

This variety is one that has been longest in cultivation.

Kansas. A native of Kansas, it has survived for years at Williamsburg, Iowa, when apples, peaches and pears froze to death. It is probably our hardiest variety—very prolific.

Killen, a native of Delaware. Bill Wiley, our 'possum hunter grafter, says that the fruit is the best of the lot. That's a matter of opinion.

3 CHINESE PERSIMMONS. In growth habit they resemble pears. Varieties: **Great Wall, Peiping, Emperor.** All good, too soon to differentiate. Fruits 2½ to 3 inches in diameter.

4 The Austin **JAPANESE CHESTNUT** is continuing to make friends. The parent tree of this variety was awarded the largest money prize ever given for a nut tree in the United States. I have seen the parent tree in Delaware. It seems to be perfectly blight proof, although the native American stock on which it was grafted was badly affected. The nut is very large but very sweet. We have a moderate supply of these trees. Climate requirements same as for Chinese chestnuts.

5 HONEY LOCUST. Eventually the most important thing I ever did may be the introduction of the honey locust as a forage crop. The way the

Date

SWARTHMORE, PA.

(State how you wish your order shipped, otherwise we will ship as we deem best.) (Please be sure to give your correct address for freight or express. It is surprising how many incorrect addresses are given to us.)

Mail Address

Street or R. D. Town

Freight Station **County** **State**.....

If out of variety ordered shall we substitute nearest variety of equal value suited to your locality? or return money?

[illegible]

Every shipment f. o. b. Round Hill, Va. if parcel post.

If freight or express, Purcellville, Va.

If by any accident the shipment arrives in bad order be sure to have agent write that fact on the receipt that you are asked to sign. That will be a great aid in collecting damages from the transportation company.

honey locusts clustered themselves with long pods of beans is very suggestive of a great new forage crop and possibly also a commercial sugar crop. (see book Tree Crops). Great big, fat sugary pods hung in masses and ripened on test trees of the two honey locusts that I am offering. They have proved themselves in the Philadelphia climate. If you have a cow let her have a little fun. She likes candy as well as any girl. If you keep livestock in the pasture where these trees grow you will have to get up early in the morning if you expect to find any beans on the ground. They will have been eaten at dawn by the quadrupeds. Varieties: Calhoun and Millwood. No known difference between these two varieties as yet.

6 FILBERTS—We have had so many calls for filberts that we have added them to our list of offerings. They are interesting trees.

Barcelona is the heavy bearer and Du Chilly and several others are pollinators. You must have both. Please order Barcelona and pollinator. One pollinator to half a dozen Barcelonas is all right. Six feet apart for a screen, fifteen feet apart in the open.

7 PECANS. The Pecan has pistillate blossoms at one time and staminate blossoms at another, and they are not exactly methodical as to **when** they perform.

The Kentucky variety has pollen for the longest period. Therefore you should have one. The beginner should also have Busseron and Indiana. They are the most precocious and early ripening. The Greenriver has larger nuts but it needs a week or ten days more time. The Major will outbear them all but the nut is not quite so large as the others. Its time of ripening is in between the others. Posey, mid-season rival of Greenriver for fine nuts.

8 SHAGBARKS. We have nine varieties of this interesting species. The parent trees are scattered all the way from the Great Smoky Mountains to Ontario and Wisconsin. Unless you are an experimenter or one who knows a lot about hickories the way to order is to give us your **latitude** and altitude and let us select the varieties. One of the dangers in moving trees is to get them too far north or south of the home of the parent tree. Trees have a **light rhythm**, (length of day). It is deep set in their bones.

9 BLACK WALNUT. Thomas, heavy yielder; Stabler, the beautiful lawn tree; Tasterite, native of Ithaca, N. Y. The tree for the north; Stam-baugh, an Illinois rival of Thomas.

10 ENGLISH WALNUT. Wiltz Mayette, the old standard; Treat Frauquette, a runner up; Broadview, supposed to be extra hardy.

11 YEW TREES. We have some Japanese Yew. Erect ones, excellent for hedge. If interested, write for prices.

12 DWARF ENGLISH BOX. We have a few nice healthy globular plants, 18 inches to 2 feet across. Write for prices.

Get Our Special Tree List

As company for my old age I am building up a collection of varieties of Shagbarks and hickory hybrids on my Blue Ridge mountainside. I now have about 70 varieties. They are interesting company. My human friends get busy, they get old and bald, they go to the great beyond. The trees keep green and grow greater and greater as the years roll by—very interesting company.

LARGE SIZED CHESTNUTS, WALNUTS, PECANS, SHAGBARKS

The special tree list gives trees by number and they are all sold with ball of earth. This list contains trees not obtainable elsewhere. Many of the trees are bearing trees.

PRICE LIST FOR NUT TREES

SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, SWARTHMORE, PA.

The Nursery is at Round Hill, Va., but the sales office is at Swarthmore, Pa.

This price list cancels all previous lists and may be good for only 30 days after you get it.

All trees are grafted unless otherwise specified. Will be shipped bare root and properly cut back unless otherwise requested.

Be sure to read paragraph on page 5 about shipping with ball of earth.

Prices F. O. B. Railway Express or Freight office, Purcellville, Va., unless otherwise stated. Please be sure to give correct shipping address. We do hate to send a tree to the wrong place.

Terms: Cash with order.

Trees with ball of earth should go by railway freight. Bare root trees should go by express and it is our practice to send them that way. If persons must have parcel post shipments we let them pay postage via C. O. D. (C. O. D. for the postage). Parcel post packages have to be small, sometimes undesirably small.

**ONE DOZEN SOLD FOR THE PRICE OF TEN SINGLE TREES.
DOZEN RATE DOES NOT APPLY TO LESS THAN FOUR TREES OF
ONE VARIETY IN AN ORDER TOTALING 12 TREES.**

NOTE—A variety is shown by name, thus, Wiltz Mayette English Walnut, Carr Chestnut, etc.

	1-2 ft. Ea.	2-3 ft. Ea.	3-4 ft. Ea.	4-5 ft. Ea.	5-6 ft. Ea.	6-7 ft. Ea.	7-8 ft. Ea.	8-10 ft. Ea.	10-12 ft. Ea.
Black Walnut ** (Thomas, Stabler, Tasterite) ..		\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.50	\$5.50
Northern Pecan† (Busseron, Green-river, Ken- tucky and Indiana, Major)...		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50	4.00	5.00	6.00
PECAN x HICKORY HYBRID— HICCAN Burlington, Des Moines (rival of Burlington) Gerardi and Bixby, new ones		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50	4.00	5.00	7.00
Hybrid Hickory† Stratford and Fairbanks		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50			
Pure Shagbark (Grafted)		2.80	3.40	3.75	4.25	4.60	5.00		
English Walnut (Grafted) Wiltz Mayette, Broadview, Treat Franquette	{	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75			
Japanese Chestnut—Austin variety		1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00				
Chinese Chestnut (Grafted) Zimmerman, Carr, Connecticut Yankee, Hobson		1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.75	4.50
American Persimmon (Grafted) Early Golden, Killen, Kansas		1.75	2.00	2.20	2.35	2.50	2.60		
Chinese Persimmon Great Wall, Peiping, Emperor			2.00	2.50	2.75				
Honey Locust (Grafted)† Calhoun and Milwood75	1.00	1.25	1.40	1.50	1.65	1.75	
Honey Locust Seedlings (For your own grafting. Transplanted35						
Mulberry (Grafted) Everbearing80	.90	1.00	1.10	1.25		
Filberts—Barcelona, Du Chilly (pollenator)50	.75						
Pawpaw Seedlings75	1.00							

† If interested in a beautiful shade tree try a **big pecan**. Write for special tree list.

****Specimen Black Walnuts** to ornament your yard at once and bear nuts soon.

Get our special tree list.

† Special price on quantity.

BALL OF EARTH

I strongly recommend that you let us ship large sized trees, by railway freight with ball of earth (balled and burlapped). You will be surprised to see how reasonable the freight rates are. Your local railway can give you exact freight rate to your station. Present rates per 100 pounds, from Purcellville, Va., to:

Philadelphia, Pa., 60¢; Boston, Mass., 91¢; Buffalo, N. Y., 90¢; New York City, 71¢; Pittsburgh, Pa., 76¢; Chicago, Ill., \$1.12. It is difficult to tell in advance what the ball of earth with trees of different sizes will weigh. For a rough basis we suggest that you figure as follows: Under 6 feet, 75-100 lbs.; 6-8 feet, 150-250 lbs.; 8-10 feet, 250-350 lbs.; 10-12 feet, 350-500 lbs. Sometimes they will exceed these weights.

Planting with ball of earth is the quick way to get a nut tree started. It can start to growing the first year and you save two years' time. I did it with my 50 acres of Pecans—trucking the trees fifteen miles. A few years ago I put 40 balled and burlapped hickories out in a bluegrass sheep pasture. They all lived but one. Let us send yours that way.

We have shipped balled and burlapped to Texas with complete success.

Trees will be prepared with ball of earth carefully burlapped and put on train for \$1.00 per tree extra for trees under 6 ft.; \$1.50 for trees 6-8 ft.; \$2.50, 8-10 ft.; \$3.50, 10-12 ft.

FALL PLANTING recommended on Long Island and on and south of line—New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburg. November is an excellent time. In the spring plant as early as you can. We do not advise planting before October 25th.

NORTHERN NUT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

You probably will want to join. George L. State, Secretary, Geneva, N. Y.

Reading Guides For The Owner Of Nut Trees

1. THE PLANTING, FERTILIZATION, & CARE OF NUT TREES AND PERSIMMONS by J. Russell Smith, ScD, postpaid 25¢.

Don't buy good trees and then kill them by misguided care. This booklet will save you many times its cost and increase the results for all but the most skillful.

2. HOW TO GRAFT NUT TREES. Postpaid 25¢.

The real fun is to graft your own nut trees. It is not especially difficult but it does require special technique. This illustrated booklet tells just how to do it.

This booklet is Appendix F of the book Tree Crops. So you don't need both unless you want the booklet to carry around with you.

Reading for Those Who Love Their Country and Want To Know Its Resources and Prospects

1. TREE CROPS, A PERMANENT AGRICULTURE, by J. Russell Smith, ScD.

This book is 300 pages of pleasure to the person who loves trees or loves the earth or who likes to hear about things he never thought of before.

If you have a streak of ingenuity you will like this book. It tells how we are on the road to a whole new series of crops that grow on trees instead of on straw. Don't you want to have a hand in this new thing? The tree is nature's real engine of production and this book tells about some of them—Pecans, Persimmons, Hickories, Hybrids, Black Walnuts, English Walnuts, Honey Locust (cowfeed), Acorn bread and other things that are just over the hill waiting to come into your yard.

If you have a constructive imagination this book is likely to cause you to start something.

This book has been favorably reviewed by the Imperial Institute in London and from one end of the U. S. to the other.

A remarkably helpful and interesting book.— San Antonio Express.

This book is a thriller.—Bee, Sacramento, California.

This book for persons of special interest has been out of print for 6 months. The commercial publisher, who works for profit, will not re-issue it. It happens that I wrote the book to spread an idea and so I have had a special printing made for the small but persistent demand of the people who want a better America.

Printing of small numbers is expensive, so our price has to be \$3.50 postpaid in United States or Canada. This is less than a commercial publisher would ask.

This is a book which some of the most famous judges in America have given to their friends as presents and have read aloud to their wives in the evening.

2. NORTH AMERICA, THE CONTINENT AND ITS RESOURCES AS THE HOME OF MAN, by J. Russell Smith and M. Odgen Phillips, 1021 pages, \$4.75 postpaid, a study of the continent by producing regions such as Corn Belt, Cotton Belt, Southern California, the West Indies.

The first and last chapters are worth the price. They will tell you why Roosevelt has accomplished so little and why his successor may do no better unless . . .

“ . . . and it makes this book of geography more eventful, more dramatic than any but the greatest novels. Possibly it is the greatest book of the year; it is New America's primer.”—**The New Republic**, August 18, 1940.

It is a good book for one man of affairs to present to another.

“There cannot be too much emphasis on the importance of this book. If I were in a position to do so, I should require that it be thoroughly read by every high school student in the United States as a first step toward becoming an adult American.”—From New York **Herald-Tribune**.

The Survey declares: “Of J. Russell Smith's book it is almost impossible to speak too enthusiastically. The present reviewer has read it through from end to end and feels enriched by a knowledge of America which he could have obtained in no other way.”

“ . . . clear, interesting and well coordinated. No one can go through the forty-nine chapters into which it is divided without gaining a much more intelligent conception of the continent on which we live, without feeling a deeper pride in its past, a deeper appreciation of its present and a deeper desire to safeguard its future.”

“ . . . it shows you how people live in various sections, how they earn a living, how they work, and how they play.”—M. E. Lacy, *Saturday Review of Literature*.

Keep either book three days and if you do not like it send it back. Your money will be promptly refunded.

**Address And Make Checks Payable To
SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, SWARTHMORE, PA.**

Do not telephone Swarthmore about trees. Do not call there about trees. It is a strictly mail order office. The trees are far away on the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. Your letters will receive prompt attention, so will your orders.

